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Applicant: E. KANTOROVICH, et al.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed February 10, 2004 requiring a restriction for the above captioned application, the Examiner identifies four species in the application's claim set. The species are:

Species A, a method of determining an acoustic velocity in a bone;

Species B, a method of determining an acoustic bone characteristic;

Species C, a method of determining a property of a bone; and

Species D, a method of determining a bone velocity.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, species A for examination. Claims to species A are claims 1-30 and 50-53. The restriction requirement is traversed because "bone velocity" and "acoustic velocity in bone" as used in the application are interchangeable and therefore claims to species A and claims 45-49 to species D belong to a same species.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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